
SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL



INTRODUCTION

Clearing snow and ice from all pathways – not just along sidewalks, but also parking lots and curb ramps – is an essential part of keeping our community safe and accessible during the winter.

There are groups of individuals in our community who rely on sidewalks and crosswalks to be mobile, including children, people with certain disabilities and seniors. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires maintaining ADA-compliant access to pathways year-round, which includes removing snow and ice.

Snow removal is a big job, particularly when nature repeatedly challenges us with a large amount of snow in a short period of time. Teamwork is essential during weather events that impact our entire city.

While we have resources to remove snow from city streets, park pathways and city-owned parking lots, we do not have resources available to clear sidewalks and other right-of-ways. This responsibility falls to the property owner and must be done within twenty-four hours following the cessation of a precipitation event. Noncompliance will result in an infraction.

We are very fortunate to live in a community where it is not uncommon to see individuals lend a helping hand to others who may be unable to shovel due to ailments or disabilities.

LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

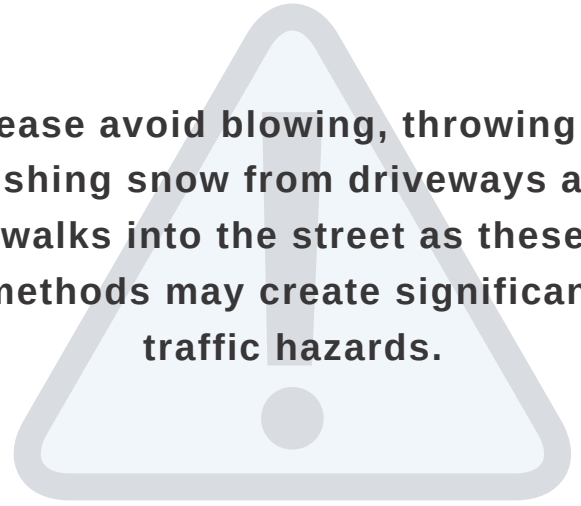
There are online resources available such as those offered by Just Serve to assist with organizing volunteer groups to assist with snow removal efforts.



TIPS FOR KEEPING PATHWAYS SAFE

The best place to move snow is onto landscaped areas in the yard or the corner of a parking lot. Placing snow on any public pathway such as a street, sidewalk, easement, right-of-way, alleyway or sidewalk, makes travel difficult for those who rely on these pathways and is also against city code.

Please avoid blowing, throwing or pushing snow from driveways and walks into the street as these methods may create significant traffic hazards.



Residents who have concerns about snow and ice that has not been removed from sidewalks should call the non-emergency number for the Dispatch Center (208) 529-1200.

Individuals who have concerns with parked cars on city streets during a snow event, defined as 2-inches or more of snow on the road when parking restrictions are in place, should call (208) 529-1200.

Snowplow operators try to avoid placing snow on sidewalks, but in some instances this may not be possible. The more snow that has fallen, the greater the problem encountered as the snow spills over the top of the blades.

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